

Appl. No. 10/711,916
Amdt. dated August 17, 2006
Reply to Office action of June 26, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugimura (US 6,456,154) in view of the applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA).

5 Response:

 Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 1 now contains the limitations of original claim 5. Claim 5 had been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. As a result, claim 5 has subsequently been cancelled. Reconsideration of claims 1 and 6 is therefore
10 respectfully requested.

2. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugimura (US 6,456,154) in view of the applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) and further in view of Hung et al. (US 6,100,557).

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Response:

 Claims 2 and 3 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 2 and 3 is respectfully requested.

20 3. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tomishima (US 5,909,141) in view of the applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA).

Response:

 As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 1 now
25 contains the limitations of original claim 5. Claim 5 had been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.
Reconsideration of claims 1 and 4 is therefore respectfully requested.

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4. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ting et al. (US 6,198,340; Ting) in view of the applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA).

5 **Response:**

Claim 8 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 8 now contains the limitations of original claim 9. Claim 9 had been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. As a result, claim 9 has subsequently been cancelled. Reconsideration of claim 8 is therefore respectfully
10 requested.

5. Introduction to new claims 11-14.

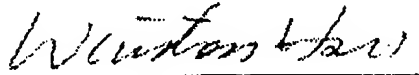
New independent claim 11 is drafted to include the limitations of original claims 1, 6, and 7. Claim 7 had been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including
15 all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As a result, claim 11 is in allowable form. New claims 12-14 are duplicates of original claims 2-4, respectively. No new matter has been added through new claims 11-14, and acceptance of claims 11-14 is respectfully requested.

20 Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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